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REMARKS

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1. On 1 and 2 August 1952, no Soviet units were seen on the section of the Elbe River between Torgau (N 52/D 64) and Riesa (N 52 E 61).*

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2. Prior to 7 August, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Halle (M 52/D 92) was occupied by only a rear detail of about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with black-bordered black epaulets. On 4 and 5 August, entraining practices involving JS-2 tanks, T-34 tanks, SP guns, caterpillar tractors and motor vehicles were performed all day long. The vehicles subsequently returned to the barracks installation.

3. On 12 August, a train carrying about 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 20 to 25 trucks carrying billeting equipment was seen passing through Koethen (N 52/D 95) and proceeding in the direction of Dessau. ***

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* Comment. There have been credible indications that engineer units of the First Gds Recz Army have been stationed near Muehlberg in the area between Torgau and Riesa since May 1952. It is undetermined whether engineer battalions of the divisions were also in the area in addition to the 1st Assault Engr Regt. The barracks installation in Dresden-Uebirau of the 1st Assault Engr Regt was still occupied by a rear detail on 12 July. However two trains carrying engineer units, one observed in Schwepnitz on 22 July and the other in Klotzsche on 25 July, tended to indicate that at least elements returned to Dresden and Koenigsbrueck.

** Comment. The bulk of the 21st Gds Recz Div stationed in Halle is believed to be at the Lossa training grounds. The large rear detail has been periodically reported by source since early July.

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of the Light Gds Army which was seen departing from Weimar on
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